

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 13-26 are pending in this application, with Claims 1-12 and 27-31 cancelled and Claim 13 amended by the present amendment.


In the Official Action of April 7, 2004, Claims 13-26 were allowed; Claims 27-31 were withdrawn from consideration; and the preamble of Claim 13 was objected to.

The preamble of Claim 13 is amended as suggested by the Examiner. No new matter is added.

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment and in light of the previous discussion, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early and favorable action to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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